



State of Delaware  
Homeland Security Advisory Council  
(HSAC)

May 17, 2018

Minutes

0900-1100

James Turner III Conference Room  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency  
Smyrna DE 19977

**PUBLIC SESSION - Welcome, Call to Order, and Room Introductions**

**1. Secretary Coupe- Chair** called the meeting to order after determining that a quorum of members was present at 9:00 am. Those in attendance were as follows:

Secretary Robert Coupe  
Terry Pepper, HSA

Sandra Alexander  
Steven Blessing  
Director A. J. Schall  
Joseph Aviola  
Major Mike Merson

Drew Aydelotte

Captain Dave Winch  
Chief Marvin Mailey

Warren Jones

Department of Safety & Homeland Security - **Chair**  
Department of Safety & Homeland Security – **Co-Chair**

Department of Technology & Information  
DHSS/Division of Public Health, Section Chief  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency  
Wilmington University  
Department of Corrections

Department of Natural Resources & Environmental  
Control

Delaware River Bay Authority  
Dover Police Department

Executive Manager (DVFA)

Dr. Heather Hirst	Department of Agriculture
Joseph Hughes	Homeland Security Consultant
Dwayne Day	Homeland Security Planner, DELDOT
James Hosfelt	Director of Public Safety and Track Operations
Tim Hulings	Delaware State Police
Lt. Col. Monroe Hudson	Delaware State Police
William Crotty	Delaware State Police (DIAC)
Ed Klima	Director Emergency Services and Loss Prevention
William Kent	Delaware National Guard

LTC Garland Pennington	Delaware National Guard
Derek Finney	Delaware National Guard
Isaac Ralston	Delaware National Guard

Brad Eaby	Deputy Attorney General
Jamie McCall	U.S Attorney General's Office
Thomas Fad	FBI
Victor Gregory	Delaware Emergency Management Agency
Willie Patrick	Delaware Emergency Management Agency

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Lt. Col. Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2017, as presented, seconded by Warren Jones and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council attendance.

Below is a summary of the topics that were discussed at the Homeland Security Advisory Council meeting on May 17, 2018.

## **3. Guest Speakers: There were no guest speakers.**

## **4. Security Briefings:**

**DIAC-** remains focused on:

- Cybersecurity Internationally and as a National threat.
- Industrial Espionage with Agriculture
- Smart watch capabilities.
- Mass Transit

- ISIS is still using propaganda, focusing on teenagers and younger populations.
- Opioid crisis still remains to be an issue, and problems with the southern borders.

**Homeland Security Advisor:** Terry Pepper was introduced as the new Homeland Security Advisor. Mr. Pepper introduced himself to the panel and expressed that he was very excited to be a part of the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

**DIAC Governance:** Recent satisfaction survey taken that Law Enforcement is 80% satisfied with products and production plan. 70% are happy with the release times, 90% are saying excellent or satisfactory with results. The most popular are shooting and gang bulletins published 70% satisfied and 90% release times are excellent or satisfactory.

**DEMA-AJ Schall** discussed the time frame of grants and federal grants. AJ explained how the Federal Law Enforcement Supports Office 1033 program (LESO) works and is very beneficial to law enforcement. Officers benefit from items such as weapons, armor vehicles, and gym and computer equipment. There have been many benefits that have come from this program that may not be able to afford these items otherwise. DEMA will be working on the State preparedness report. Recently had a 5 day National exercise on hurricanes attached to the mid-Atlantic region involving Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, Washington DC and Pennsylvania.

**FBI-concerns** of online radicalization and online magazines being distributed by terrorist. The concerns of people here in the United States (Homegrown extremists) conducting attacks from the content in the online material.

**Department of Agriculture-**Dr. Heather Hirst reviewed the meeting regarding Avian Influenza with Maryland and Virginia State Veterinarians on May 1<sup>st</sup>. All plans among states were in general consistent. Equipment and personal sharing were discussed and reviewed. An endorsement to do a future table top with Secretary Coupe and AJ Schall was mentioned regarding Agriculture terrorism and an initial planning workshop. There is a new exotic tick that is being closely watched referred to as the East Asian or Long horned tick. This tick is not found

typically in the United States and has been recently located in New Jersey. This tick can carry hemorrhagic viruses.

**Dover Downs**-Chief Hosfelt- Thanked DEMA and DIAC's Captain Crotty for the information shared and help with the race in May. Firefly is coming up on June 14-17, 2018 Management changes

**DeIDOT**- Dwayne Day and Secretary Coupe discussed the UAV Subcommittee created by the HSAC; Dwayne feels this committee has served its purpose and brought the decision to the floor to dismiss this group. A motion was made by Gene Donaldson, seconded by Mike Merson, it was voted anonymously to disband the UAV Subcommittee Group.

A discussion took place regarding all of the benefits and uses the drones are used for. DeIDOT, Fire Departments, Delaware State Police, and many other agencies use drones for traffic and emergencies. The training qualifications of drone use were discussed. Dwayne Day offered assistance to all other State Agencies with the drone program.

Gene Donaldson discussed camera use and why camera use is closed, due to an emergency. Policies were discussed on who would have third party access.

**DTI**-Sandy explained the recent security problems with the State of Delaware. The issues were outsiders who had studied State of Delaware information. DTI reminds everyone to be aware of who you are talking to and responding too, not all are standard phishing. The recent State of Delaware security issue was not a traditional hack.

**Division of Public Health**- Steve Blessing discussed Opioid System of care, (tracking dispatch time to entire routine of care). Secretary Coupe discussed Law enforcement sub-committee group and partners of EMS have discussed that one of the biggest obstacles is HIPPA no treatment is being because they are not being notified and cannot share the information. An idea to create a trigger on their release report to be able to make sure the person is in treatment or offer an outreach program. Mass care planning, department wide. June 27<sup>th</sup> shelter process training. Congo still having cases of Ebola.

**DSP-** Col Hudson discussed how important it is to take every call seriously and have a response immediately, not to be compliant with any call that comes in.

**DVFA:** There have been a high amount of fire related deaths. Warren Jones advised to please check your smoke detectors. The Fire School/ Fire Marshal's Office will be doing a demonstration of fire sprinklers showing a side by side home with sprinklers verses no fire sprinklers. This is very important with the new construction of homes.

**Delaware National Guard:** Mass Care exercise in June, in Sussex County, Cyber unit that works closely with DTI and DIAC. An Exercise will be done with Delaware Oil Refinery simulating incidents that happen and how they deal with the problems. For Cyber guard 2018 it is a small operation in 2019 a broader scale is expected.

**US Attorney's Office:** Continuing to dedicate most of their resources are targeted at Opioid Crisis and violent crime especially in Wilmington. Cyber investigations involving business intrusions, account takeovers here operating in Delaware. Bomb threats and Espionage cases that are working with Law enforcement.

**Secretary Coupe-** discussed Viper, Run, Hide Fight, ALERT and CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training. Secretary Coupe spoke of the differences with all of the training and will work with AJ Schall and Terry Pepper to ensure HSAC members have knowledge of what each training offers.

**Delaware Local League of Local Government-** Joseph Hughes mentioned Delaware Division of Prevention and Behavioral Services now has a National suicide texting service. This hotline will be an increased outreach to youth that may need assessment or treatment.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Firefly: June 14-17,2018**
- **June 27<sup>th</sup> –Shelter training, Public health**
- **July 16, 2018 Dover Downs, School Safety Symposium- multiple speakers and guest speakers, no cost to attend**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. following a motion by AJ Schall and unanimously approved by the voting members in attendance.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 18, 2018  
9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Location: Delaware Emergency Management Agency**

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